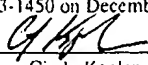




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AMENDMENT B AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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